

# Arabian Gulf arboretum

Arabian Gulf. See Persian Gulf.

Arabian horse *n.* Any of a breed of swift horses native to Arabia.

Arabian Sea. The NW part of the Indian Ocean between Arabia and W India.

Arabic *adj.* Of or relating to Arabia, the Arabs, their language, or their culture. — *n.* A Semitic language consisting of numerous dialects that is the principal language of Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, and parts of northern Africa.

Arabic numeral *n.* One of the numerical symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 0.

Arabic nose (*arab-nose*, *arab-nose*) *n.* A crystalline pentose sugar, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, obtained from plant polysaccharides such as gums and hemicelluloses. [(GUM) ARAB(IC) + -IN + -OSE<sup>2</sup>.]

Arabicist (*arab-ist*) *n.* 1. A specialist in the Arabic language or culture. 2. One favorably disposed to Arab concerns.

Arabic (*arab-ble*) *adj.* Fit for cultivation, as by plowing. — *n.* Land fit to be cultivated. [ME < OFr. < Lat. *arabilis* < *arare*, to plow.] — *arab-ility* *n.*

Aracaju (*ar-aj-ju* (*ar-aj-zhō*)) *n.* A city of E-central Brazil near the Atlantic Ocean SSE of Recife. Pop. 287,934.

Arachidonic acid (*ar-ach-id-on-ik*) *n.* An unsaturated fatty acid, C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, found in animal fats that is essential in human nutrition. [C. *arachidic*, of the groundnut < NLat. *Arachis*, groundnut genus < Gk. *arakis*, *arakid-*, dim. of *arakos*, a leguminous plant.]

Arachne (*ar-ach-nē*) *n.* Gk. Myth. A young woman who challenged Athena to a weaving contest and was turned into a spider.

Arachnid (*ar-ach-nid*) *n.* Any of various arthropods of the class Arachnida, characterized by four pairs of segmented legs and a body divided into two regions. [C. NLat. *Arachnida*, class name < Gk. *arakhnē*, spider.] — *arachnid* (*ar-ach-nid*) *adj.* & *n.*

Arachnoid (*ar-ach-noid*) *adj.* 1. Anat. Of, relating to, or being a delicate membrane enclosing the spinal cord and brain. 2. Of, relating to, or resembling arachnids. — *n.* 1. See arachnid. 2. Anat. The arachnoid membrane. [NLat. *arachnoidēs* < Gk. *arakhnoidēs*, cobweblike: *arakhnē*, spider + *-oidēs*, -oid.]

Arachnophobia (*ar-ach-nō-phō-bi-a* (*ar-ach-nō-fō-bē-a*, *-nō-*) *n.* An abnormal fear of spiders. [ARACHN(OM) + -PHOBIA.]

Arad (*ar-ad*) *n.* A city of W Romania on the Mureșul R.; part of Romania since 1920. Pop. 183,774.

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Arabic



Yasir Arafat

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